

# Saint Michael

## THE ARCHANGEL PARISH

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Bulletin for March 30, 2025

**Saint Michael the Archangel Basilica** 12 Howard Street, Miramichi  
**Saint Michael's by-the-Sea** 7321 NB-117, Miramichi Bay  
**Saint Margaret's Church** 9371 NB-11, Saint Margarets



*Return of the Prodigal Son, by Rembrandt*

*Fourth Sunday of Lent, Laetare Sunday - the Parable of the two brothers and the Good Father*

'Perhaps the most beautiful of Jesus' parables... the figure of the prodigal son is so vividly drawn and his destiny, both in good and in evil, is heart-rending. The motif of the two brothers runs through the entire Old Testament, beginning with Cain and Abel, Ismael and Isaac, Esau and Jacob, and Joseph and his brothers. In the Gospel of Matthew (21:28-32) there is a text about two brothers that is related to our parable: one brother

says he wants to do the father's will, but does not actually carry it out; the second says no to the father's will, but afterward he repents and carries out the task he had been given to do. Here too, the Word of God is ultimately an appeal to say 'yes' once more to the God who calls us.'

- From *Jesus of Nazareth: From the Baptism in the Jordan to the Transfiguration*, by Pope Benedict XVI, p. 204-

### ***Easter Triduum Schedule***

*The Paschal Triduum is the 3-day summit of the Holy Week before Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of our saving Lord Jesus Christ.*

The 2025 schedule for Saint Michael the Archangel Parish is as follows:

**Holy Thursday – 8pm** April 17 at the Basilica  
**Good Friday of the Passion of the Lord – 3pm**  
April 18 the Basilica  
**Easter Vigil – 10pm** April 19 at the Basilica

**Easter Sunday April 20:**  
**9am** at Saint Michael's by-the-Sea  
**10:30am** at Saint Michael's Basilica  
**11am** at Saint Margaret's Church

**Parish Office:**  
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**Hours:**  
Monday to Friday, **8am-4pm**

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**Lord's Day Mass Times:** St. Michael's Basilica:  
Saturday **4pm**, Sunday **10:30am** & **5:30pm**  
St Michael's By-the-Sea: Saturday **4pm**  
St Margaret's Church: Saturday **6pm**

**Daily Mass Times:** St. Michael's Basilica:  
**9am** Monday - Friday ; **4pm** jeudi la Messe française

**Eucharistic Adoration: 9:30am** First Fridays  
**Confessions:** St. Michael's Basilica: **3pm Saturdays**

# Weekly Mass and Prayer Intentions

## Saint Michael's Basilica

Saturday March 29	4pm	Gerald Fleiger, Carmel Gallant, Helen Keoughan, Adelyn Robichaud, Ivan Hallihan, Ronnie Barry, Eva Foley, William Kennedy, Evelyn Corbett, Morris, Austin Johnston, Jeannette Williams, Father Leon Creamer, Helen & Stanford Richard, and for a special intention
<i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i>		
Sunday March 30	10:30am	William (Billy) Kennedy, Lorraine LeBreton, and for a special intention
	5:30pm	<i>Pro Populo - for the People</i>
Monday March 31	9am	Cody Knowles, and Judy McGrath & deceased family members
Tuesday April 1	9am	Mr. & Mrs. Selime Richard, and for holy souls in Purgatory
Wednesday April 2	9am	Andrea M. Fowlie, Leo Handrahan, and Margie Comeau
Thursday April 3	9am	Eldon McGrath & d.f.m., and for a special intention
	4pm	<i>la Messe française</i>
Friday April 4	9am	Bill Kerr, Elizabeth & Leo Handrahan, and for peace in the world
Saturday April 5	4pm	Joan Foran, Kathleen Hawkes, Mary E. Keoughan, Stella Matthews, Adelyn Robichaud, Gerard Doucette, Edward & Leonard Hachey, Ron Barry, Father Leon Creamer, John Kerr, Julie Richard, Tom & Jean Olsen & d.f.m., Shirley Buckley, Noreen & Joseph O'Hearn, Joe, Electa, Pat & Theresa Duffy, and Charles & Margaret Reinsborough
<i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>		
Sunday April 6	10:30am	Colin & Alice Fleiger, Doris Donahue, for thanksgiving, and for a special intention
	5:30pm	Howard, Marie, Marilee & Michael Carroll

## Saint Michael's By-the-Sea

Saturday March 29	4pm	Wilfred Hachey, Gene Walsh, and Heather Arsenault
Saturday April 5	4pm	Byron Eastwood, and Heather Arsenault

## Saint Margaret's Church

Saturday March 29	6pm	Louise Dickens, and Anne Kane
Saturday April 5	6pm	Fred Holland, and William Dunn

*Please Pray For:* Pope Francis continued recovery from hospitalization, for his prayer intention for the upcoming month of April, that the dignity and worth of women be recognized in every culture, and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world.

**Let us pray for our parish youth** journeying toward the **Sacraments of Confirmation** at the **5:30pm Sunday May 25 Basilica** Mass with Bishop Christian Riesbeck, CC, and toward their first **Holy Communion 4pm Saturday May 31**, at **Saint Michael's by-the-Sea**.

And, let us pray for Joseph Sweeney, Billy Pallen and their families.

*Readings:* Joshua 5:9-12; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Gospel of Luke 15:1-3;11-32

*Psalm:* 34 R:8 *Taste and see that the Lord is good.*

*Entrance Antiphon:* from Isaiah 66: Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

*Communion Antiphon:* from Luke 15: You must rejoice, my son, for your brother was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.

# Parish News

## Weekly Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament:

**Fridays at 9am** at Sts. Peter & Paul (Bartibog),

**First Fridays** following the 9am Mass at Saint Michael's Basilica,

This **Jubilee Year of Hope** encourages us to be pilgrims of hope, with these opportunities:  
**June 7** Miramichi region pilgrimage to the Cathedral, **bus transportation available**, call 506-843-2210.

July 13 pilgrimage to the diocesan shrine in Howard; August 10 pilgrimage to Skiff Lake.

September 28-October 1 Saint Michael's Basilica will host a pilgrimage and mission by Bishop Christian Riesbeck, CC. See more at [stmichaelsbasilica.ca/jubilee](http://stmichaelsbasilica.ca/jubilee)

**Ecumenical Lenten Services every Wednesday, 12:15-12:45pm**, March 5 - April 9, **Saint Andrews United Church** celebrating their 100 years of service, and **1,700 years of our shared Nicene Creed, our anchor of Faith**, followed by a luncheon reception.

**DATE CHANGE: Miramichi Regional Reconciliation Service 6pm Thursday April 10** at **Saint Patrick's Church**. Fr. Dan will share his story of conversion before confessions.

The Miramichi Cursillo Community is pleased to announce the **76th Men's and Women's Cursillo Weekends** to be held **May 22-25 (Men's)** and **May 29-June 1 (Women's)** at St. Michael's Parish Center. It is a tremendous way to join with fellow parishioners in three days of Christian fellowship with the opportunity for future mutual growth and support.

For more information call Elkin Cook 506-624-8328 or Nancy Lavoie 506-627-0799.

**Our Lady of the Rivers Parish** open house **celebration of Father Dan Melanson's 65<sup>th</sup> birthday 1-5pm Sunday March 30** at St. James Parish Hall 1675 Northwest Road, Sevogle.

**Living Stations** - walking with Jesus through His Passion, Death, and Resurrection. Doors open with **music at 6:30pm Friday April 11, stations at 7:30pm**. Goodwill offering.

**Miramichi Youth String Orchestra concert at the Basilica 6pm Thursday April 3**. Welcome Spring with the sounds of Latin American music. Free Admission.

**Responsible Ministry Update** - for anyone serving high-trust parish ministries, and for anyone with parish keys, please ensure you have a recent (within 5 years) police criminal record check on file. Those serving youth ministries require a vulnerable sector check. Ask the parish office for the letter to obtain your police criminal record check. For the list of high-trust ministries, see the current Responsible Ministry Protocol at [dioceseofsaintjohn.org/responsible-ministry](http://dioceseofsaintjohn.org/responsible-ministry)

**Kindertots** Easter Bingo Saturday **April 12** in the parish centre. Doors open at noon, **bingo starts at 1pm**. Jackpot is a 58" Smart TV. For info call 506-778-3936.

**Saint Margaret's Church 50/50** now selling envelopes at \$10 each for an April 26, 2025 draw, prizes \$450 or more. Contact Maura Flynn 506-773-5781 or Norma Hay 506-773-5860.

<b>March 22-23</b> collection for Saint Michael the Archangel Parish		St. Michael's By-the-Sea	St. Margaret's
Regular	\$5,397	\$477	\$407
The Dr. Gerard and Judy Losier Family Foundation Inc.	\$5,000		
Renovation	\$20		
Capital Campaign	\$229		
St. Vincent de Paul ministry	\$210	\$25	
Cemeteries	Basilica \$40	St. Andrew's \$140	\$100





# Knights of Columbus®

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Senior Dances - Saturdays at 8pm, doors open at 6:30pm  
Fundraising Bingo - Sundays at 7pm, doors open at 5pm  
Community breakfast first Sunday of every month, 8am-Noon  
All are welcome to our accessible hall at 67 King Street!  
Call 506-773-7225 for information or to join in service, in fraternity and charity!



## Catholic Women's League of Canada

Saint Michael's Council


The Catholic Women's League of Canada calls its members to grow in faith, and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service.  
Visit [CWL.CA](http://CWL.CA) to see all our resources, and to join us in a sisterhood of faith, fun and fulfillment, for social interaction, personal development and community service.

## Saint Vincent De Paul

Saint Michael's Basilica

*Clothing for those in need, from community donations*

The Saint Vincent de Paul clothing ministry is open to those in need, **Saturdays from 9am-Noon**, in the Saint Michael's Basilica Parish Centre. We appreciate donations of clothing for men, women, and children. We're thankfully overstocked with winter apparel, so we're now accepting clothing for spring and summer wear. Thanks for your continued generosity!



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506-778-5152



**Kindertots Children's Centre Inc.**  
122 Hutchison Drive  
Miramichi  
[www.kindertots.ca](http://www.kindertots.ca)  
Tel: 778-3936



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**Miramichi Irish Festival July 7-20, 2025**  
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1745 Water Street, Miramichi 506-778-8810

**POT OF GOLD 50/50**  
Drop a toonie marked with your number into one of the yellow boxes at St. Michael's Basilica, Chatham Superstore, or Kingston's Gas Bar for a chance to win. Email [potofgold5050@gmail.com](mailto:potofgold5050@gmail.com) or call 506-623-9056 to get your number to play your toonies. March 24 # 2212 Derek Thompson won \$225, congratulations!



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